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PATENT APPLICATION

HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No. 1324

TACHIKAWA et al.

Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 09/904,105

Examiner: NGUYEN, LAM S

Filed: July 13, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107292-00023

For:

CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM IRRADIATOR AND THERAPY SYSTEM

EMPLOYING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 27, 2006

Sir:

The Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 26, 2006 from April 26, 2006 to May 26, 2006. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee discussed above.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 107292-00023.

Respectfully submitted,

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